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of:

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For : PULMONARY AND CIRCULATORY BLOOD FLOW SUPPORT DEVICES  
AND METHODS FOR HEART SURGERY PROCEDURES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend this divisional application, prior to calculation of the filing  
fee, as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At Page, 1, before Line 3, please insert the following paragraph,  
submitted herewith in clean form:

**Clean Version of Paragraph  
to be Inserted at Page 1, Before Line 3**

This application is a division of co-pending US Patent Application Serial No. 09/231,320 filed 13 January 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/079,836 filed 15 May 1998.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 2 through 15.

**REMARKS**

An Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith, making of record the prior art which has been cited in the parent application.

Entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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